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Honorable George C. Marshall
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Marshall:

Reference is made to your letter of 5 May requesting my comments on and concurrence in a memorandum of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the guidance they propose sending CINCEUR on planning

proposal, I do not believe it advisable to send CINCEUR guidance of this nature at this time.

The initial planning will be clandestine.

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Officer engaged in joint clandestine planning with CINCEUR's Staff) would also share in pre-planning [redacted]

[redacted] and it is my understanding of MSG 10/2 that CIA is given the responsibility for this task. This will require CIA planning at both Washington Headquarters and Theater levels.

If, however, the decision is made to send the JCS presently proposed guidance memorandum to CINCEUR, I should appreciate being apprised so that I may send appropriate instructions to my representa-

[redacted]

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED
WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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